

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Division, Continuation, or C-I-P)

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; that

We verily believe we are the original and first inventors of the invention entitled:

FLUORINE-FREE PLASMA CURING PROCESS FOR POROUS LOW-K MATERIALS  
(Docket No. AXC 0001 I3 (01-SM5-218 CIP2)), described and claimed

in the attached specification;  
 in the specification filed \_\_\_\_\_, as U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and as amended \_\_\_\_\_.

We hereby authorize the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) appointed herein to indicate above whether the invention is described and claimed in an attached specification and to provide the Filing Date and Serial No. of the corresponding U.S. Application, if previously filed.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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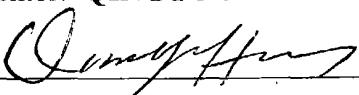
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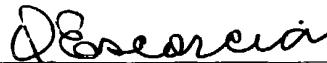
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